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## RIVER AND HARBOR BILL

Finally Disposed of by the Senate

AFTER MANY DAYS OF DEBATE

The Bill Carries a Direct Appropriation of \$12,000,000 and Provides for Continuous Contracts.

**WASHINGTON, May 14.**—The river and harbor appropriation bill was passed by the senate today after an unusually stormy experience lasting many days. As finally passed the bill makes direct appropriations of \$12,000,000, and authorizes continuing contracts of \$64,000,000, an aggregate of about \$76,000,000.

Frye, chairman of the commerce committee, closed the debate on the bill by a statement showing the remarkable development of American commerce and the consequent decreasing of the freight rates.

The bill was taken up as soon as the senate convened today, the agreement being that the final vote be taken at 3 p.m. The pending question was Gorman's amendment directing the secretary of war to so apportion contract appropriations that not more than \$10,000,000 be expended on contracts in any one year.

Vanopposed the Gorman amendment, declaring that it would permit the secretary of war to nullify the river and harbor bill and to substitute his opinion in lieu of that of congress. He did not believe there would be a partisan in the chamber who would give such extraordinary power to a cabinet officer. He had never known of a single case where a bill could be amended at all stages. While he was a Democrat and knew the expenditure would be made by Democratic officials up to March 3d, yet that was not a factor to consider as he opposed any such abridgment of power by congress and its transfer to one official.

Gorman insisted that there was no abridgment of power, but merely a limitation of the power of the secretary of war, which would be more than \$10,000,000 would be spent annually. It was a neat provision, said Gorman, in view of the fact that "this is the first time in the history of the government that we have gone into the wholesale business of authorizing contracts."

If he were secretary of war, said Gorman, he would apply the bill suggested by Sherman of not obliging the government to do all the contracts until Congress made provisions for the revenues to meet them. This amendment was merely a caution to our executive officer that in view of our condition he must not spend more than \$10,000,000.

The senator expressed his appreciation of the river and harbor bill—the most important of the appropriation bills—but this amendment would provide for expenditures with proper limitations.

In reply to a suggestion of Mr. White, Democrat of California, that the secretary of war had already shown a disposition to restrict river and harbor work, Gorman took occasion to express his high personal regard for the present secretary of war, but the senator felt he could not conscientiously give his vote to a measure that would put it in the power of one man to spend more than \$10,000,000.

The debate took a wide range under the five minute rule, which had been agreed on.

The amendment by Gray was accepted, making the \$10,000,000 restriction apply specifically to contracts and not to direct appropriations.

Allison proposed an amendment fixing the limitation of contract expenditures at \$12,000,000 annually.

Vanopposed to table the Gorman proposition and all amendments, which motion prevailed, May 10, page 23.

Lindsey, Democrat of Kentucky, offered an amendment, directing the secretary of war to adjust contracts so that not more than 20 per cent of any one appropriation would be expended in any one year.

The bill was almost to be put on its final passage when Frye moved fifteen motions, all of which were carried, thus defeating the bill. The senator spoke with great animation and was listened to with much attention. Never before, Frye said, had there been such unanimous demand for river and harbor improvements as there had been this year. It had come from all sections. It has been the demand of the American people and in response to this demand the bill was presented. The bill was then put on its final passage.

On the roll call the bill was passed, yes 57, no 9.

The chair named Senators Frye, Quay and Vest conferees on the river and harbor bill. Bills were passed as follows:

Amending the act granting pensions to survivors of Indians who participated in the services of the Federal army, the California Indian disturbances of 1851-52 and the Indian wars of Utah, Oregon and Washington; making one year's residence in a territory sufficient for a divorce, and for the construction of a bridge over the Mississippi river at St. Louis.

At 6 o'clock the senate adjourned.

**HOUSE.**

**WASHINGTON, May 14.**—The house, after one of the hardest fought parliamentary battles of the session, which continued almost until 9 o'clock tonight, recommitted the contested election case of Kinkead vs. Downing, from the Sixteenth Illinois district to the committee on elections, with instructions to count the ballots in dispute.

The supporters of the majority report to the committee on elections, which included the survivors of the Fever river war, the California Indian disturbances of 1851-52 and the Indian wars of Utah, Oregon and Washington; making one year's residence in a territory sufficient for a divorce, and for the construction of a bridge over the Mississippi river at St. Louis.

At 6 o'clock the house adjourned.

**PROHIBITIONISTS.**

**Favor Free Coinage and Oppose Issuing of Bonds.**

**STOCKTON, May 13.**—The State Prohibition convention met here today and was called to order at 2 o'clock by J. M. Glass, chairman of the state central committee. Chauncey Dunn of Sacramento was elected chairman of the convention and the usual committees were appointed. The attendance was large but the committee on platform is in session tonight and will not conclude its labors until very late. The committee has agreed on the prohibition plank and the finance section is framed. The finance plank favors gold, silver and paper as legal tender in payment of all debts, public and private, and consequently the committee decided for the proposal of an amendment to the constitution of the state.

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GOLD BUG OPINION OF MCKINLEY.

LEX.

The fact that John Sherman is trying

to stem the tide of Eastern gold bug op-

position to McKinley's nomination is being industriously used by the Demo-

cratic and Populist press of the West

and South as evidence that the champion

of protection is an enemy of silver,

and, if elected, will stand in the same relation to Wall Street

that Cleveland now does. That

the western parties press gives

much more credence to the utterances

of Sherman than the staunch advocates of

gold monometallism do in the East is

proven by the continual assertions of

the latter journals that McKinley's sym-

pathies are with the cause of silver, and

that no opposition can be expected from

him in the event that a congress is

elected which will pass a free coinage

act. *Harper's Weekly* is a typical journal

of the gold standard school and its

objection to McKinley is based upon his

record as a friend of the white metal.

In its issue of last week it says edi-

torially:

"In the Republican party the circum-

stances of the campaign for the nomi-

nation have forced Speaker Reed into

the position of a sound-money candi-

date. For this we have to thank Mr.

Reed, who has nothing to say to

the state on the subject, but the Republi-

can convention of Massachusetts and

Rhode Island. Mr. McKinley, however,

is still the leading candidate of the

party, although the movement in his

behalf has gone forward of late with

less rapidity and noise than marked it

a few weeks ago. He represents a tar-

iff policy that is intelligible to most Re-

publicans; and although the extreme

silverites, who really want to

join the silver Democrats in forming a

new party based on the "white metal,"

call him "gold bug," they know that he

will not stand in their way if he is

elected President. His record shows

that he possesses no principles or opin-

ions that are antagonistic to his party

majority in congress, in state, or what-

ever the majority may be that is to

be immediately established with

therefore, that all who supported

any movement of the party, including the

Sherman set, which he defended when he was chair-

man of the ways and means committee,

he will, as President, sign any free coin-

age bill that may be passed with the

help of Republican votes. It is true

that nothing is less likely than the

passage of such a measure, but we are

now considering Mr. McKinley. The

next President ought to be an aggressive

one, like the free-coining heresy, but

Mr. McKinley will be a friend to it if he

advocates stimulate into power, and

will certainly do nothing to defeat it and

destroy it by making that active

war upon it which is involved in the

doing of such things as Mr. Cleveland

has done for the maintenance of the

public credit. It is this that makes

now the most promising candidate of

the Republican party."

This expresses exactly the opinion of

the Republican and of the silver Repub-

licans of the West who are the out-

spoken advocates of McKinley's nomi-

nation. His record in congress on the

financial question fully justifies their

belief that he will, if elected to the

Presidency, approve any act rehabili-

tating silver that may be passed by con-

gress.

No man who might be elected to that

place could do more than that. If

Populist Stewart or Democrat Tillman

were the President they could do nothing

more than approve the work of con-

gress on behalf of silver. The Presi-

dent cannot pass a free-coining law,

nor can he compel congress to do so.

We have had in the last administra-

tion too much of executive interference

with the legislative department of the

government, and we want less of it in

the future.

The Republicans of the West believe that

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the financial question to oppose the will of

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Millinery Department, May 10, 1896.

Ladies:-

We are just in receipt of another shipment of the latest in Straw Goods and Flowers, and respectfully ask you to call and inspect them.

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**"THE YORK,"**  
The fashionable Walking Hat of the day.

**"THE BURLINGAME,"**  
The latest Sailor out.

**"THE PICKWICK,"**  
A Rice-straw beauty.

**"THE CRESSY,"**  
The newest thing in Turbans.

Convince yourself that we spare no pains or expense in our attempts to please you.

As we are now in the mid of the season our display of Trimmed Hats is at its best, and a more fashionable array never saw Fresno.

**REMEMBER**, when seeking for a "SAILOR" from the cheapest to the best, in White, Black, or in Colors, that we have the most extensive assortment in town. Ditto, as relates to Ladies' and Children's Leghorns. We sell more, and carry a larger stock of these goods than any other house outside of San Francisco.

Again we say, convince yourself.  
Respectfully yours,  
The WHITE FRONT STORES.

## PASSENGER TRAIN WRECKED.

Day Coach and Sleeper Ditched.  
Two Passengers Badly Injured.  
OMAHA, Neb., May 12.—A special from Des Moines, Ia., to the "Beet" says: The Chicago Great Western passenger train from Kansas City to St. Paul was wrecked near Tolimeno, sixty miles west of here at 8 o'clock this morning. It ran into a waist, the engine passing over before the train got to it, and the day coach and sleepers being ditched. The train was not overturned in the violent stopping of the train. The passengers were badly shaken up. Mrs. E. Hamilton of Denver, en route to Ireland, and J. W. Eckels of Winterst, Ia., were badly hurt, both sustaining internal injuries. They were brought to a hospital here.

## Three Drowned.

Astrona, May 12.—A special to the "Advertiser" from Stanwood, Wash., says: Mrs. A. R. Crosby, Frank Peterman and Charles Nowell were drowned in the Columbia river last night by the capsizing of a sail boat.

## Almost Distracted?

Did you ever suffer from real nervousness? When every nerve seemed to quiver with a peculiar, creepy feeling, first in one place and then another, and all seemed ready to congest and writhing jumbled in the brain, and you became irritable, fretful and peevish, to be followed by an uncontrollable condition of the nerves, rattling, ringing in the ears, and throbbing at night?

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